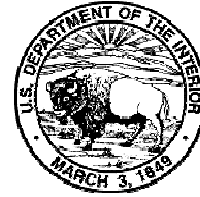


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# News Release



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### New Refuge Land Opens for Visitors

The Capay Unit of the Sacramento River National Wildlife Refuge (River Refuge) is now open for public visitation. Located on County Road 23 about three miles south of Hamilton City, the Capay Unit will be open seven days a week from two hours before sunrise until one and a half hours after sunset. "The opening of this Unit will add an additional 660 acres of River Refuge for the public to enjoy free of charge and is one of only eight Units on the River Refuge available by vehicle access," said Refuge Manager, Kelly Moroney (the remaining Units are boat access only). Over three miles of trail offer visitors views of the Sacramento River and opportunities for hiking, wildlife observation, photography, fishing, and hunting. Hunting is permitted August through May on a first-come, first-served basis. Dogs on leashes are also welcome.

The Refuge would like to recognize The Nature Conservancy (TNC) and the National Wild Turkey Federation (NWTf) for their habitat restoration and visitor services support. TNC has worked three years to restore 570 acres of degraded agricultural lands to native grasslands, savanna, and riparian forests. The NWTf provided funding assistance for visitor parking, information kiosks and a trail counter. In addition, the public is invited to celebrate and enjoy the labors of the Refuge's partners by participating in a guided bird walk with Refuge staff on May 22<sup>nd</sup>. For more information on the bird walk and other recreational opportunities, please contact the Refuge at 530/934-2801 or visit the Refuge website at [www.sacramentovalleyrefuges.fws.gov](http://www.sacramentovalleyrefuges.fws.gov)

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